Fact finding: Committee on IDPL

, 2681. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: SHRI SHANTI TYAGI;

Will the Minister of, INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what are the terms of reference of the fact finding committee of Indian Medical Association on the IDPL;

(b) what are the causes for IDPL being sick and not giving dividends commensurate with investment;

(c) whether it is a fact that the medicines produced by IDPL were sold under a popular brand name at twice the cost; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to convince the public that the IDPL medicines are of a high quality?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government has not constituted any such Committee. However, Indian Medical Association desired to visit production facilities in the public sector. Consequently a delegation of Indian Medical Association was invited by IDPL.

(b) The reasons for IDPL incurring losses are under-utilisation of installed capacities, increase in the cost of inputs, predominance of institutional sales etc.

(c) IDPL is selling its products within the prices fixed by Government.

(d) Steps are being taken by IDPL to acquaint the medical profession with GMP, quality control, Research and Development and marketing as practised in IDPL.

Exemption of Small Scale Units from Price Control

2682. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI): Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased *to* state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government issued a notification exempting from price control the small scale units of finished medicines based on category II drugs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Ye3, Sir.

(b) A copy of the Notification dated 16th October, 1967 is enclosed-

Copy of the Notification—

Government of India

Ministry of Industry

(Department of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals)

ORDER New Delhi, the 16th October, 1987

S.O. 924 (E). In exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 28 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, the Central Government here by exempts every drug manufacturing units registered as small scale unit with any Central Technical Authority or State Directorate *of* Industries or any other appropriate authority under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 (65 of 1951) from the operation of paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 22(2) of the said Order, in so far as they relate